

# United States District Court

## District of South Carolina

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMENDED JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

vs.

ELLIS SPARKS

Case Number: 4:12CR261TLW(3)

**Date of Original Judgment:** December 11, 2012

USM Number: 24055-171

*(or Date of Last Amended Judgment)*Henry M. Anderson, CJA

Defendant's Attorney

**Reason for Amendment:**

- ☐ Correction of Sentence on Remand (18 U.S.C. 3742(f)(1) and (2))
- ☐ Reduction of Sentence for Changed Circumstances (Fed.R. Crim. P. 35(b))
- ☐ Correction of Sentence by Sentencing Court (Fed.R.Crim.P.35(a))
- ☒ Correction of Sentence for Clerical Mistake (Fed.R.Crim.P.36)
- ☐ Modification of Supervision Conditions (18 U.S.C. §3563(c) or 3583(e))
- ☐ Modification of Imposed Term of Imprisonment for Extraordinary and Compelling Reasons (18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(1))
- ☐ Modification of Imposed Term of Imprisonment for Retroactive Amendment(s) to the Sentencing Guidelines (18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(2))
- ☐ Direct Motion to District Court Pursuant to ☐ 28 U.S.C. §2255 or ☐ 18 U.S.C. §3559(c)(7)
- ☐ Modification of Restitution Order (18 U.S.C. §3664)

**THE DEFENDANT:**

- ☒ pleaded guilty to Count(s) one (1) of the indictment on August 1, 2012.
- ☐ pleaded nolo contendere to Count(s) on which was accepted by the court.
- ☐ was found guilty on Count(s) on after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18:371	Please see indictment	6/2011	1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 5 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s).
- ☐ Count(s) ☐ is ☐ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.
- ☐ Forfeiture provision is hereby dismissed on motion of the United States Attorney.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of any material changes in economic circumstances.

December 4, 2012

Date of Imposition of Judgment

s/ Terry L. Wooten

Signature of Judge

Hon. Terry L. Wooten, U.S. District Judge

Name and Title of Judge

April 17, 2013

Date

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### IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of thirty-two (32) months.

☐ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ before 2 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

### RETURN

I have executed this Judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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### SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of three (3) years. While on supervised release, the defendant shall comply with the mandatory and standard conditions of supervision outlined in 18 USC § 3583(d). The defendant shall also comply with the following special conditions. 1. The defendant shall make restitution payments in monthly installments in the amount of \$150.00 per month to begin 30 days after release from imprisonment. The Court reserves the right to increase payments based on any increase in financial status. 2. The defendant shall satisfactorily participate in a substance abuse treatment program, to include drug testing, as approved by the U. S. Probation Office. 3. The defendant shall participate in a vocational Training Program as approved by the U. S. Probation Office. 4. The defendant shall enroll in and complete an educational program as approved by the U. S. Probation Office, with the objective of obtaining his General Educational Development Certificate, unless already obtained during his period of incarceration. 5. The defendant shall submit financial documents and verification of income to the U. S. Probation Office as requested.

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

- ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☒ The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☒ The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☐ The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (42 U.S.C. § 16901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which he or she resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☐ The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(Check, if applicable.)*

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as any additional conditions on the attached page.

### STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer.
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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### CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant shall pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 5.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$ 100.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,659.97</u></b>

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until \_\_\_\_\_. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case(AO245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☒ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss*</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
Piggly Wiggly Darlington SC	1,098.42	1,098.42	
Piggly Wiggly Camden SC	1,692.25	1,692.25	
Main Street Pawn & Gun Dillon SC	1,759.17	1,759.17	
EPC 3Way Food Mart Marion SC	994.68	994.68	
Piggly Wiggly #119 Columbia SC	1,126.74	1,126.74	
Carl's Food Center Dillon SC	645.51	645.51	
Piggly Wiggly Dillon SC	322.75	322.75	
IGA Olanta SC	426.99	426.99	
Breakers Dillon SC	1,093.49	1,093.49	
Dev's Wine & Liquor Sumter SC	134.07	134.07	
Trading Post Lake View SC	403.99	403.99	
Food Mart Dillon SC	279.15	279.15	
Piggly Wiggly Orangeburg	601.21	601.21	
Piggly Wiggly Sumter SC	493.42	493.42	
Market Place Spirits Sunter SC	303.32	303.32	
Piggly Wiggly #84 Sumter SC	246.71	246.71	
IGA Manning SC	765.95	765.95	
Cruizers	272.15	272.15	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,659.97</b>	<b>\$12,659.97</b>	

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 5 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(g).

☒ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☒ The interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☒ restitution.

☐ The interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

\*\*Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A ☒ Lump sum payment of **\$ 100.00 (special assessment) and \$12,659.97 (Restitution)** due immediately, balance due ☐ not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or
- ☒ in accordance with ☐ C, ☒ D, or ☐ E, or ☐ F below: or
- B ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C ☐ Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D ☒ Payment in equal MONTHLY (weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ 150.00 over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence 30 (30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F ☐ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☒ Joint and Several

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

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Total Amount of Restitution - \$12,659.97

Joint and Several Amount of Restitution - \$12,659.97

Payee: **Piggly Wiggly Darlington SC; Piggly Wiggly Camden SC; Main Street Pawn & Gun Dillon SC; EPC 3Way Food Mart Marion SC; Piggly Wiggly #119 Columbia SC; Carl's Food Center Dillon SC; Piggly Wiggly Dillon SC; IGA Olanta SC; Breakers Dillon SC; Dev's Wine & Liquor Sumter SC; Trading Post Lake View SC; Food Mart Dillon SC; Piggly Wiggly Orangeburg. SC; Piggly Wiggly Sumter SC; Market Place Spirits Sumter SC; Piggly Wiggly #84 Sumter SC;**

IGA Manning SC; Cruizers

- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):

\*☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

\*As directed in the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, filed January 29, 2013 and the said order is incorporated herein as part of this judgment.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
FLORENCE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	CRIMINAL NO.: 4:12-261
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
	)	
ALEX MARCUS BROWN	)	
ARBRAE KELLY	)	
ELLIS SPARKS	)	

JUDGMENT AND PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE  
AS TO CAPTIONED DEFENDANTS

1. On March 27, 2012, a federal grand jury in this district returned an Indictment charging the Defendants, Alex Marcus Brown, Arbrae Kelly, and Ellis Sparks ("Defendants"), with conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit securities, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

2. The Indictment provided that upon the Defendants' conviction, certain property enumerated therein, or equivalent substitute assets, would be subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c). The forfeitable property is identified as follows:

Cash

- (a) \$1,641.78 in United States currency  
Seized from: James Scott on July 8, 2011  
Asset ID: 11-USS-001385
- (b) \$935.00 in United States Currency  
Seized from: Eduardo Nelson on July 8, 2011  
Asset ID: 11-USS-001381
- (c) \$529.64 in United States currency  
Seized from: Alex Brown on February 19, 2011

Asset ID: 11-USS-001386

- (d) \$120.00 in United States currency  
Seized from: Tyquann Bacchus on February 19, 2011  
Asset ID: 11-USS-001387

3. On August 1, 2012, and September 12, 2012, the Defendants pled guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, charging them with conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit securities, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

4. Based upon the Defendants' conviction, and other matters appearing in the record, the court has determined that the below-described property is subject to forfeiture, in that such property constituted, or was derived from, proceeds the Defendants obtained as a result of such violations. The court finds that the Defendants have an interest in such property, and that the property is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

5. The court has further determined that the government has established the requisite nexus between the said property subject to forfeiture and the offense for which the Defendants have been convicted; therefore, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the property shall be forfeited to the United States, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n) governing third party rights.

6. The court further finds that the United States is entitled to a judgment of forfeiture and possession of the property pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

7. JUDGMENT IS ENTERED against each Defendant, and in favor of the United States in the amount of \$12,093.24 together with appropriate costs provided for

in 28 U.S.C. § 1961 as of the date of entry of judgment until paid in full, and the United States may satisfy each money judgment from any property of the Defendants.

8. The Defendants, Alex Marcus Brown, Arbrae Kelly, and Ellis Sparks , shall forfeit to the United States all of the Defendants' right, title and interest in and to any property, real or personal, tangible and intangible, constituting or derived from any proceeds the Defendants obtained directly or indirectly as a result of their violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, and any property used to facilitate such offenses, for which the Defendants had been convicted.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. The below described property, and all right, title and interest of the Defendants, Alex Marcus Brown, Arbrae Kelly, and Ellis Sparks , in and to the following property, is hereby forfeited to the United States of America for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n):

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- (c) \$529.64 in United States currency  
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Asset ID: 11-USS-001386
- (d) \$120.00 in United States currency  
Seized from: Tyquann Bacchus on February 19, 2011  
Asset ID: 11-USS-001387



2. Upon entry, this order becomes final as to Alex Marcus Brown, Arbrae Kelly, and Ellis Sparks, and shall be made a part of their sentence and included in the criminal judgment;

3. Upon entry of this Order, the United States Attorney is authorized to conduct proper discovery in identifying, locating, or disposing of the described property, or other substitute assets, in accordance with Fed.R.Crim.P. 32.2(b)(3); and to commence proceedings that comply with statutes governing third party rights, if applicable.

4. The United States may sell or otherwise dispose of in accordance with law any substitute assets as required to satisfy the above imposed money judgments.

5. The government is not required to publish notice regarding the personal money judgment against each Defendant; however, the judgments shall be recorded in the records of the County Clerk's Office in the county of the debtor's residence, place of business, and any and all other counties in which the debtor has either real or personal property, as a lien thereon.

6. The United States shall publish notice of this Order and its intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide written notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the said property;

7. Upon entry of this Order, the United States Secret Service or their designee is authorized to seize the above-described forfeited property as directed by the United States Attorney's Office and to commence proceedings that comply with statutes governing third party rights;

8. Any person, other than the named Defendants, asserting a legal interest in the subject property may, within thirty days of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice, whichever is earlier, petition the court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his alleged interest in the subject property and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c);

9. Any petition filed by a third party asserting an interest in the above-described property shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the subject property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or interest in such property, and additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought;

10. After the disposition of any motion filed under Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(1)(A) and before a hearing on the petition, discovery may be conducted in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure upon a showing that such discovery is necessary or desirable to resolve factual issues;

11. The United States shall have clear title to the property following the court's determination of all third party interests, or, if no petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) for the filing of third party petitions;

12. The court shall retain jurisdiction to resolve disputes which may arise and to enforce and amend this Order as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e);

13. The Clerk, U.S. District Court, shall provide one (1) certified copy of this Order to the United States Attorney's Office.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Terry L. Wooten  
Hon. TERRY L. WOOTEN  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013

Florence, South Carolina